

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 17 are objected to because of certain specified informalities.

Claim 3 has been amended to read “said diffusing substance is at least one selected from the group”

Claim 4 has been amended to read ... “disposed between said substrate and an opaque layer.”.

Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 4, providing antecedent basis to the term “the light-passing coating layer” in lines 1 - 2.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite “A backlit display according to claim 1, wherein said fluorescing material is chosen based on a characteristic light spectrum of said light source and a desired light spectrum externally viewable from a graphic on said backlit component. These changes are deemed to provide the required specificity and antecedent basis.

Claim 17 has been amended to correct a typographical error, i.e. the spelling of the term “portion” has been corrected.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments, it is requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 18 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fabry et al. (U.S. 5, 063,379).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite “*A backlit display, comprising: ... a light-transmitting substrate incorporating a polymer material, a diffusing substance*”

and at least one fluorescing material, ... wherein said substrate is operative to selectively attenuate intensity and frequency shift light passing therethrough."

Neither the fluorescing plates (33) nor the light guide (38) of the Fabry et al. device include or suggest use of a diffusing substance to frequency shift light passing therethrough.

Claims 18 – 20 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1 and, thus, are likewise distinguishable from Fabry et al..

Accordingly, in view of the amendments, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 – 10, 21 – 22, 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujita et al. (U.S. 6,517,213).

For the reasons set forth hereinabove, claims 1 – 10, 21 – 22, 24 and 26 are also distinguished from Fujita et al..

Claims 11 – 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujita et al. as applied in claims 1 and 10 above, and further in view of Ogawa (U.S. 5,403,984).

Claims 11 – 17 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1 and, thus, are likewise distinguishable from the cited art.

Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 23, 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujita et al..

Claims 23, 25 and 27 depend indirectly from independent claim 1 and, thus, are likewise distinguishable from the cited art.

Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

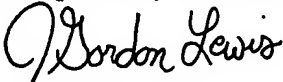
Conclusion

Applicants believe, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all grounds of rejection of the claims have been addressed and overcome, and that all still pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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